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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Young (U.S. 6,567,011). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Young discloses a method for testing a remote controlled transmitter. In Young, a test signal is generated by the remote control transmitter after each button is pressed. At column 8, line 54, it is stated:

Once entered, every key will produce a unique IR data output.

This is different from the present invention. In the present invention, a test signal is not transmitted until a plurality of buttons being tested have been depressed.

The Official Action has argued that the feature of not transmitting test signals until all buttons have been depressed is not recited in the rejected claims. Accordingly, Applicants have clarified the rejected claims. Thus, Applicants' claim 1 recites the feature of:

...store indications of closing of said contacts responsive to
respective depression of said keys...

...transfer said indications to said transmission circuit by delaying
transfer of said indications until after more than one of said
indications of closing of said contacts has been stored.

Note that the claim explicitly recites that transfer of indications of contact closing does not occur until multiple indications have been stored. This feature is supported by the originally filed applications at page 7, line 15. No new matter has been added.

As the above feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, claim 1 is patentable over the art of record.

Claims 5, 9, and 10, while not identical to claim 1, are similarly patentable over the art of record for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

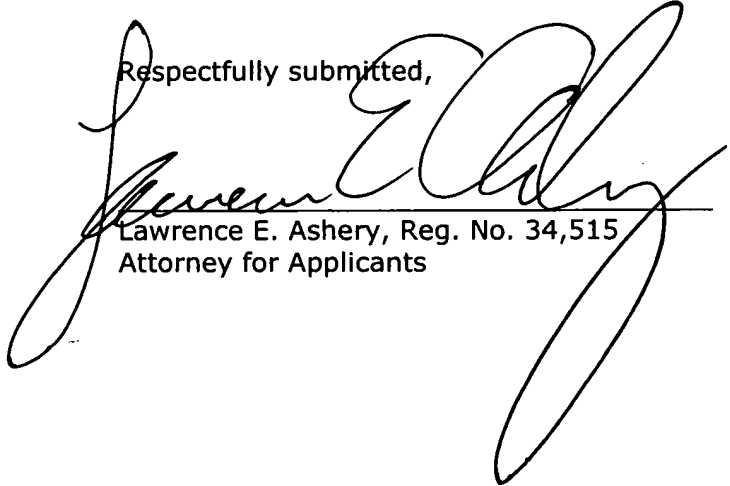
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The remaining claims are patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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